## CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: BEACON Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.
<b>APN(s):</b> None, the land impacted by this project is all public submerged lands under State Lands Commission jurisdiction and adjoining areas of Goleta Beach County Park.
<b>Location:</b> Submerged lands under State Lands Commission jurisdiction on Goleta Bay, Santa Barbara County and adjoining areas of Goleta Beach County Park
Project Title: Goleta Beach Kelp Re-establishment Experiment.
<b>Project Description:</b> Gather information regarding the feasibility of re-establishing kelp on a sandy bottom nearshore ocean area by submerging ballast for the juvenile kelp to attach to.
Exempt Status: (Check one)  Ministerial Statutory X_ Categorical Exemption [15306} No Possibility of Significant Effect
Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section § 15306 Information Collection."
<b>Reasons to support exemption findings:</b> CEQA Guidelines Section § 15306 Information Collection." Exempts basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities that do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project is a short term information gathering experiment which will be removed from the ocean after the information is gleaned. This project is therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA.
Exemption prepared by Kevin E. Ready, Executive Director, BEACON.
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<b>Note:</b> A copy must be filed with the County Clerk after project approval and posted by the Clerk for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.
Date File of the Clerk

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